

CLAIMS

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

- 1 1. An elastomeric gripping element, configured to fit over a gripping section of an
2 article, said gripping element comprising:
3 a textured outer surface; and
4 a plurality of elevated sections extending from said outer surface;
5 wherein said elevated sections are intercalated, spaced apart shapes.
- 1 2. The gripping element of claim 1, wherein said elevated sections are raised at least
2 about 0.1 mm above said outer surface.
- 1 3. The gripping element of claim 1, wherein said elevated sections are raised at most
2 about 3.0 mm above said outer surface.
- 1 4. The gripping element of claim 1, wherein said grip element is formed from an
2 anti-slip material.
- 1 5. The gripping element of claim 1, wherein said grip element is formed from a
2 resilient material.
- 1 6. The gripping element of claim 1, wherein said grip element is fabricated of a
2 thermoplastic elastomer.
- 1 7. The gripping element of claim 1, wherein said grip element has a Shore A hardness
2 of at least about 50 durometer.
- 1 8. The gripping element of claim 1, wherein said grip element has a Shore A hardness
2 of at most about 70 durometer.
- 1 9. The gripping element of claim 1, wherein said elevated sections are sufficiently
2 spaced apart such that small particles cannot become lodged between said elevated sections
3 and any particle large enough to become lodged between said elevated sections can be
4 readily dislodged.

- 1 10. The gripping element of claim 1, wherein said elevated sections have a smooth outer
- 2 surface.